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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- February 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Relations between South Africa and Botswana were tense during the month after the so-called independent homeland of Bophuthatswana threatened to invade Botswana because of the passage of ANC cadres through that country, as reported by Gaborone Radio on 4 February. Johannesburg Radio reported a statement by RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha warning Botswana that the infiltration could not continue. On the 22nd, however, after talks between the two foreign ministers, Botha said the RSA accepted Botswana's assurances on the subject and would not insist on a separate security treaty.

2. On the 18th riots broke out in Crossroads, a squatter camp near Cape Town, and violence flared over several days. The bureau filed considerable reportage from various media on incidents that eventually resulted in 18 being killed. In another major South African domestic story, Umtata Capital Radio and SAPA reported on the 19th the arrest of six anti-apartheid campaign leaders on treason charges.

3. After a consumer request relayed by LRB for extensive reportage on the five-nation Portuguese-speaking African countries' summit in Sao Tome, the bureau processed, in addition to reportage, the three-take text of the conference final communique and the two-take summit declaration on South Africa, both from Maputo Radio.

4. The bureau processed expeditiously the Swazi Queen's speech to the nation opening parliament on the 7th as well as several items requested by the embassy on the health minister's statement touching on the student strike, the principal secretary for education's statement on UNESCO and the finance minister's budget speech.

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5. The bureau added weekend coverage of the major Maputo, Luanda and RSA evening casts via timer after having covered them experimentally for the past two months. The casts are not very productive but do occasionally carry worthwhile items which may not be available from subsequent casts.

B. Lateral Services

The U.S. Liaison Mission in Namibia closed its doors on the 15th and the bureau discontinued lateral services to it. Officers at the American Embassy in Pretoria are receiving the material previously sent to Windhoek.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Buildings and Grounds

Despite frequent rains, the bureau's remote site operations building is now approaching completion. The work is 90 per cent finished with only "finishing" work remaining to be done. After work is completed, probably mid-March, equipment will be installed. All major equipment has been received and is being stored at the bureau. A team from headquarters will assist Engineer [redacted] with the installation.

Ceilings were replaced in the dining room and family room in the bureau chief's residence. Extensive rewiring is being undertaken in the deputy chief's residence to correct original faulty, dangerous electrical wiring.

III. VISITS

To the bureau:

[redacted], London Bureau teletype supervisor, arrived 3 March to provide training to the bureau's teletype section, which includes two teletypists hired only six months ago.

From the bureau:

The bureau chief attended a two-day conference at the BBC East African Unit in Nairobi along with Abidjan bureau chief [redacted] and the general manager of the BBC Monitoring Service, David Witherow. It was agreed at the meeting that Swaziland Bureau would check reception of PANA with a view to assuming coverage of Southern Africa, reception permitting, and would also do an

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assessment of the Addis, Lusaka and Dar es Salaam southern
African liberation movement radios.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 177,760
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 11,210
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 512

| | BROAD-CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI-CATIONS |
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| II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week) | 5,420 | 8,040 | 113 |
| III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month) | 127,450 | 21,070 | 29,240 |

ANGOLA

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| Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese | 13,990 |
| Luanda ANGOP in English | 910 |
| Luanda ANGOP in French | 860 |

BOTSWANA

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| Gaborone Domestic Service in English | 4,680 |
| Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English | |

CLANDESTINE

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| (Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe | 1,970 |
| (Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe | |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola | 660 |
| (Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern & Central Africa | 1,690 |
| (Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern & Central Africa | 90 |
| (Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola | |

LESOTHO

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| Maseru Domestic Service in English | 6,220 |
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| Maseru LESOTHO WEEKLY in English | |

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MADAGASCAR

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| Antananarivo Domestic Service in French | 1,670 |
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MALAWI

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| Blantyre Domestic Service in English | 430 |
| Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English | |
| Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English | |

MAURITIUS

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| Port Louis Domestic Service in English | |
| Port Louis Domestic Service in French | |

MOCAMBIQUE

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| Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese | 19,140 |
| Maputo in English to Southern Africa | 4,310 |
| Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese | |
| Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese | |
| Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese | |

NAMIBIA

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| Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans | 220 |
| Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans | |
| Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English | |
| Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English | |
| Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans | |

SOUTH AFRICA

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|---|--------|
| Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans | 930 |
| Johannesburg Domestic Service in English | 22,030 |
| Johannesburg International Service in English | 4,240 |
| Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans | 2,830 |
| Johannesburg Television Service in English | 1,960 |

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| Umtata Capital Radio in English | 5,430 | | |
| Johannesburg SAPA in English | | 17,520 | |
| Durban ILANGA in Zulu | | | |
| Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans | | 280 | |
| Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English | | 710 | |
| Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English | | 10,810 | |
| Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans | | 800 | |
| Johannesburg SOWETAN in English | | 4,240 | |
| Johannesburg SUNDAY EXPRESS in English | | | |
| Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English | | 4,760 | |
| Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English | | | |
| Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English | | 1,280 | |
| Johannesburg THE STAR in English | | 1,320 | |
| Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans | | 2,370 | |
| SWAZILAND | | | |
| Mbabane Domestic Service in English | 7,780 | | |
| Mbabane Domestic in siSwati | | | |
| Mbabane Television Service in English | 2,890 | | |
| Mbabane Television Service in siSwati | 500 | | |
| Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English | | 210 | |
| Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English | | 800 | |
| Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English | | 420 | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | |
| London BBC World Service in English | 2,810 | | |
| USSR | | | |
| Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe | | | |
| Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa | 3,930 | | |

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ZAMBIA

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| Lusaka Domestic Service in English | 6,570 |
| Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English | 2,320 |
| Lusaka Voice of Freedom in English to Southern Africa | 1,560 |
| Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English | 380 |
| Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English | 480 |
| Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English | |

ZIMBABWE

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| Harare Domestic Service in English | 8,380 |
| Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele | |
| Harare Voice of Namibia in English | |
| Harare THE HERALD in English | |
| Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English | |
| Harare The Financial Gazette in English | |